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Subject:

Divisional Patent Application of
Serial No.: 09261,681 3/3/99

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**A FILL PATTERN IN KERF AREAS TO PREVENT
LOCALIZED NON-UNIFORMITIES OF INSULATING
LAYERS AT DIE CORNERS ON SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

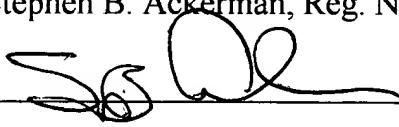
Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

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